

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-6 (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) An isolated protein which inhibits vascular smooth muscle cell growth, wherein said protein comprises the amino acid sequence shown in Figure 1, SEQ ID NO. ____ or the amino acid sequence shown in Figure 3, SEQ ID NO. ____.

8. (Original) The protein of claim 7 having a molecular weight of from about 30 kDa to about 36 kDa.

9. (Currently amended) ~~The protein of claim 7, comprising the amino acid sequence substantially as shown in Figure 1~~ An isolated protein which inhibits vascular smooth muscle cell proliferation, wherein said protein is encoded by a polynucleotide comprising the following fragments:

- (a) a fragment of clone 6 comprising nucleotides 699 to 941 of said polynucleotide;
- (b) a fragment of clone 23 comprising nucleotides 231 to 698 of said polynucleotide;
- (c) a fragment of clone 117 comprising nucleotides 119 to 230 of said polynucleotide, and
- (d) a fragment of clone 131 comprising nucleotides 1 to 118 of said polynucleotide.

10. (Canceled) The protein of claim 7, comprising the amino acid sequence ~~substantially~~ as shown in Figure 3.

11. (Currently amended) The protein of claim 7, comprising the amino acid sequence ~~from about 1 to about 303~~ substantially as shown in Figure 1.

12. (Original) The protein of claim 7, further comprising glutathione S-transferase.

Claims 13-32. (Canceled)